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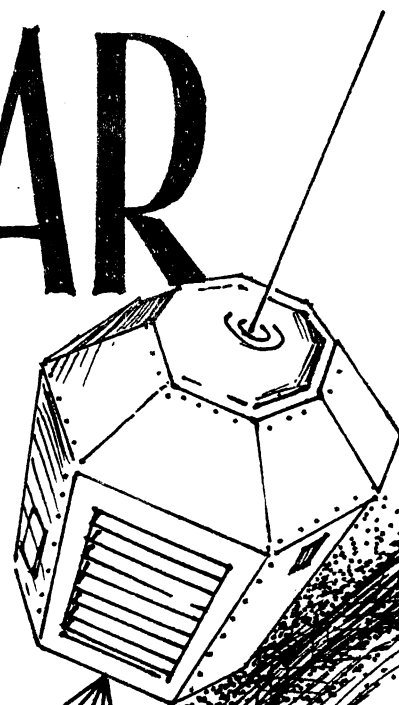
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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1030 hrs;
80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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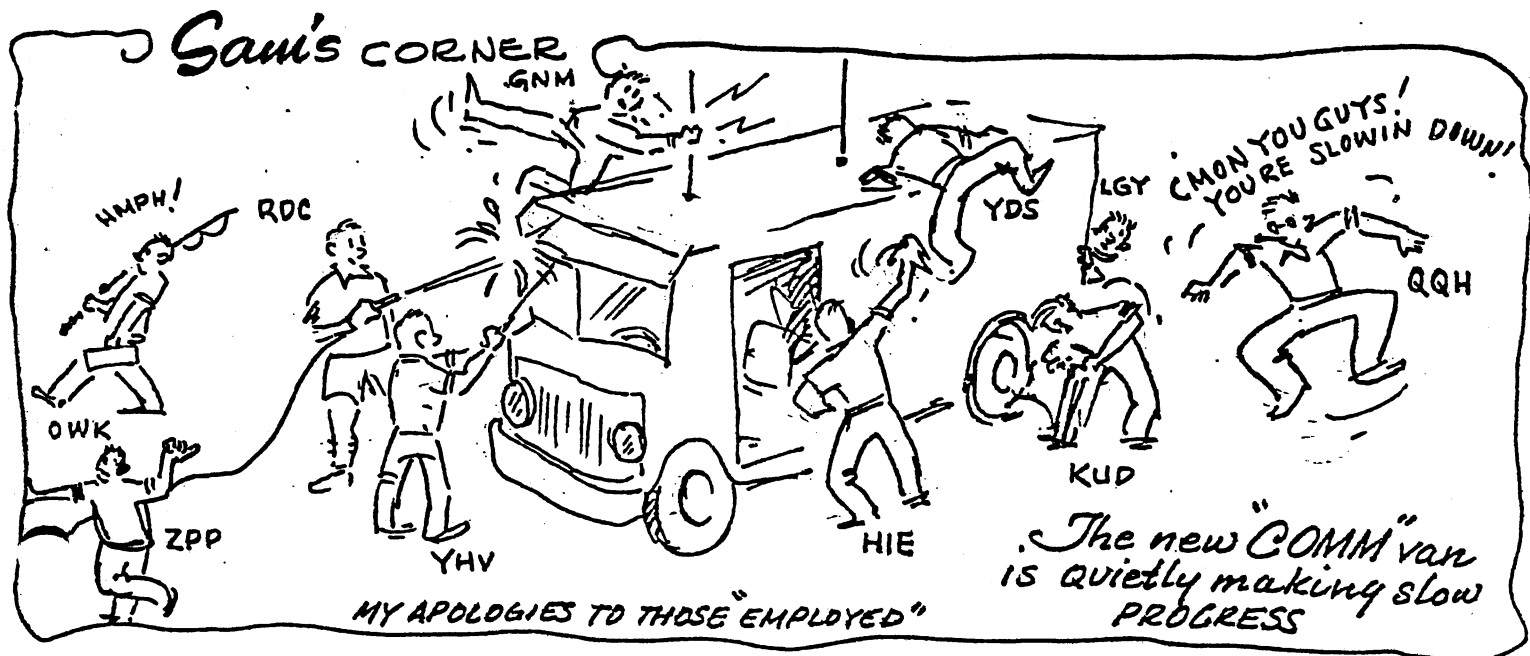
IT SEEMS TO ME

This month the BLURB salutes OSCAR. Of course OSCAR is only an acronym for Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio, so our salute really goes to the people who made it all possible.

Less than 20 years ago (February 20, 1962) Colonel John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth. Yuri Gagarin of the USSR had already become the first human to do it. The path to a successful orbit was fraught with danger because so much of the data base had to be assumed. Time has proven how accurate those assumptions were and how thorough both Russian and American scientists were in their calculations; but we tend to become blase about things that go well and courage exhibited by the men who planned, and the men who executed, the early orbital shots is easily forgotten.

When you work a station via OSCAR, or make a new contact via EME, pause a moment to think of the work, courage, knowledge, and pioneer spirit that made it all possible. Missing a DX station is tough, and for some may even be traumatic, but blasting off the earth for space somehow seems to overshadow DX problems. We should never forget that we are the beneficiaries, not the originators.

de K3KUD



THE PREZ SEZ

Last winter with its mountains of snow in February, summer's oppressive heat, and now the gasoline shortage make the smooth flow of club activities hard to sustain. Even with these we have come a long way this year.

By the end of the year we will have had our 30th Anniversary Banquet. In the not too distant future our new communication van with all its potential will be operational and ready to serve the community. A new club directory is being processed. The By-Laws Committee is hard at work and should be done by year's end. We have a Repeater that is second to none. Our Blurb can hold its own in the best of company. Our nets, meetings, and social events are well attended and enjoyable.

But what about the future? Long range planning does not deal with future decisions, but with the future of present decisions. We sometimes, individually and as a group, become smug and think that a state of perfection exists. This is an appropriate time to take a look at ourselves. What improvements can be made in what we are doing? Are there new programs available to strengthen our organization? With this in mind a Planning Committee will be set up within the next month to study Philmont past, present, and future. The cooperation of the membership is needed. If you have any suggestions on the way things are done, or not done, please let the committee know. We should consider the development of one of Philmont's most important assets - our new members.

Let's keep Philmont moving.

de W3AWG

TOWARD A BETTER BLURB

After tearing our typewriter apart several times; changing the ribbon; and mumbling dire threats at the infernal device, the staff has concluded that typographical errors are not the fault of IBM, but of the typist (?). With that in mind we have taken steps to correct the problem.

This month our BLURB is being typed for the first time by the newest member of our staff, Patty Gilpin, daughter of Gil, W3SRU. We welcome her and we thank both Patty and Gil for their interest in Philmont and their willingness to help.

TUNE IN - TURN ON

Philmont has inaugurated a Message Center Period 63/03 each evening at 7:00 - 7:05 P.M. Listen during this time for persons calling you, or call the member you wish to contact.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

- August 6 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 P.M.
- August Midmonth Meeting - Announcement will be made on the regular nets concerning time and location
- August 27 BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 P.M.

MEETING REPORTS

June Midmonth: Held at the home of Harold Grace, W3HFX, and his wife Edith, this meeting was attended by 20 members. Business items discussed were the following:

1. Jim Spencer, W3QQH, reported that antenna hard-line for the repeater had been received. Jim also led the discussion of plans to sell the old Comm Bus and ways of accomplishing such a sale.
2. Purchase of a new 3750 watt generator, weighing only 150 lbs., was approved. The cost is \$450.00 (thanks to the assistance of a Philmonter).
3. Some discussion took place concerning the feasibility of limiting membership in the Club. Various ideas were offered, all aimed at preventing people from, "joining the repeater", rather than becoming working members of Philmont.
4. The Banquet Committee presented a final report on preparations for the event.

Our thanks to Harold and Edith for a most enjoyable evening in their home.

July Regular Meeting: As part of the celebration of Philadelphia's Freedom Week, Philmonters got a tour of the city thanks to the closing of the streets adjacent to the Institute on July 2. Despite this inconvenience 49 members and 25 visitors attended the meeting.

The business portion of the meeting was kept short, but included the minutes, Treasurer's Report, and reports from the Net Control, Clambake, Repeater, and BLURB Committees. Applicants for membership were introduced as were the visitors present. One of our visitors was Angie, the Editor of the Navy Mars "Poop Deck" and "Kilowatt". We enjoy meeting those who are involved with our swap publications.

Instead of a formal program the membership had an opportunity to inspect our new vehicle. Although not nearly completed it is already clear that the new Comm Center will be an outstanding addition when put into service.

As always, the final touch was provided by our dependable Institute gang who provided coffee and doughnuts.

NET CONTROL MEETING REPORT (JUNE 15)

The general opinion of those in attendance was that all Nets are operating very satisfactorily thanks to the Net Control stations and those amateurs taking part in the Net activities.

Two minor changes were agreed upon:

1. 75 Meter Phone Net Time Period changed. The Net will now start at 10:20 and finish at 10:35 A.M.
2. Early check-in's are discouraged and only check-in's made during the Net Time Period will be counted. Your cooperation will be appreciated by all Net Controls.

It was suggested by W3AWH that a time be set aside each evening on 147.63/03 MHZ for the purpose of stand-by communication. In other words, a time set aside to listen or to pass traffic. The suggested time period is 7:00 - 7:05 P.M. This is now being tried. If you want to get in touch with someone, try at 7:00 P.M. on the Philmont Mobile Radio Club repeater.

BANQUET INFORMATION

The Banquet Committee for the 30th Anniversary of the Club met on May 18 for the third time and the final results are as follows:

Date: Saturday, November 3, 1979

Place: Falcon House
525 West Chester Pike
- Havertown, PA 19083

Dinner: Hors D' Oeuvres to be served during cocktail hour
Appetizer, soup, entree, dessert
Danish pastry and coffee to be served after dancing

Music: A four piece combo, "Carmen D" will play for four hours

Price: \$18.00 per person

The tickets will go on sale at the Club meeting on September 10, 1979.

Philmont's participation in Paddlerama was cancelled due to the gasoline shortage. Same time, same place, next year.

We would like to extend our sympathy to Rollie, W3PWG, on the recent loss of his mother.

Somebody reads the BLURB! The following letter proves that fact:

Mr. Bob Schmilewske, K3KUD
152 Cheshire Drive
Penllyn, Pa. 19422

Dear Ed:

Normally I don't send many things to the BLURB but the item on page 5 of the July issue, "One thing that never changes between a parent and his offspring is the age difference!" all depends on your perspective. Using my father and I as an example:

	<u>Age</u>		
	<u>Parent</u>	<u>Offspring</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	27	1	27 times
	54	27	2 times
	81	54	1½ times
(parent's demise)	94	67	1.4 times
	108	81	1.25 times

I think in a couple hundred years I'd have caught up to him!
(Except for the arithmetic stumbling block, "a variable approaching a limit.")

Yours very truly,

Bill

W.T. Burton
K3BB

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Howard C. Gilpin, W3SRU
652 Summeytown Pike
North Wales, PA 19454
Phone: (H) 699-7980

Please correct your directory to reflect this change.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: James F. Shecleford, II, N3ATR
Address: 8321 Rodney St.
Philadelphia, PA 19150 ✓
Wife: Ethel (no call)
Occ'p'n: Engineering Analyst
Employer: G.E. Space Division
Phone: (H) 242-4814 (B) 962-2474

Handle: Jim

Sponsored by: N3ADI; AK2I

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Name: John E. Wright, K3CHR
Address: 4011 Lawndale St.
Philadelphia, PA 19124 ✓
Wife: Genevieve (no call)
Occ'p'n: Accountant
Employer: Westway Builders, Inc.
Phone: (H) CU-9-5754 (B) 825-0820

Handle: Jack

Sponsored by: WA3UAL; W3JWF

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Name: Michael McLaughlin, WB3JHX
Address: 248 W. Tabor Rd.
Philadelphia, PA 19120 ✓
Occ'p'n: Electronic Assembler
Employer: J.G. Biddle Co.
Phone: (H) 548-5761

Handle: Mike

Sponsored by: K2LK; WB3CMM

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Name: Michael L. Concordia, WB3KAC
Address: 2759 County Line Rd.
Chalfont, PA 18914 ✓
Wife: Dorothy (no call)
Occ'p'n: Contractor
Employer: Self-Employed
Phone: (H) 343-1884 (B) 343-1190

Handle: Mike

Sponsored by: N3ADI; WB3IXZ

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Action on the above applications will be taken at the August Midmonth Meeting.

NET CONTROL SCHEDULES

	<u>80-meters</u>	<u>*10-meters-SSB</u>	<u>2-meters</u>
<u>August</u>			
5	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
12	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
19	AF3F	W3VVS	W3SRU
26	AK2I	W3KDO	WB2LGY

<u>September</u>			
2	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
9	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
16	W3SGR	W3VVS	W3PST
23	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP
30	W3AWH	WB3CMM	W3AA

*10-meter Net Control for AM (10:15 - 10:30 A.M.) K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE

75-meter Net: 3.993 MHz; 10:20 - 10:35 A.M.

10-meter Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:00 - 10:15 A.M. (SSB), 10:15 - 10:30 A.M. (AM)

2-meter Net: 147.63/03 MHz via WR3ADS; 9:30 - 10:15 A.M.

80-meter CW net: 3.610 MHz; 10:30 to 11:00 A.M. Net Control N3WW; alternate W3RM, AK2I

Net Control Alternates:

W3QQH
WB3KUR
KB3CT
W3SGR

Nets are conducted for the purpose of making Club announcements and passing traffic. Philmont welcomes all amateurs to check-in, membership in the club is not required.

FOR SALE

Voice of Music Stereophonic Tape Recorder Model 754 w/Add A Track
and AM/FM Radio. Mikes and speakers. Orig. cost \$600. \$180.00

Voice of Music Model 382 Portable Stereo Phonograph w/speakers
Orig. cost \$200. \$40.00

Contact: Bob Pattison, W3WUX
(215) 449-4782

LATE ITEMS

FOR SALE FROM W3ADV, FRED SHAW

12" dynamic speaker with tweeter	10.00
"Electronics Design" VOM	20.00
Vacum cond. fixed 50pf, new	10.00
Weller glue gun	5.00
Electrovoice Dynamic mike, 911 w/stand	35.00
Heath V.T.V.M. IM-10	20.00
DC power supply. 12v to 250 & 500	10.00
B&W low-pass, 72 ohm	10.00
Tape Marker	1.00
50 Ma. meter, 5" rectangular (new)	5.00
Milliammeter-wooden case, Westinghouse 200 & 1000	10.00
Bug key	10.00
Drake T4XB transmitter & A.C. power supply	350.00
Gonset hand mike	2.00
Realistic Dyn. Dual Imp. Mike, (new)	20.00
Heath Grid-Dipper, GD-1A	5.00
Trimm Headset	8.00
Chassis Punches 3/4", 5/8", 1/2", 1"sq., 2-1/4", 3/4"sq., 1-9/16"	25.00
Brandeis Headset	3.00
GE NICAD Charger	7.50
Coax Ratiometer (SWR) 1 KW 200Mhz	35.00
Drake R4B, T4XB, M54, AC4	800.00
TEN TEC 540, P.S., Ext. VFO (new)	850.00
Kenwood 599A 2 & 6M Conv.	400.00
TR22 Drake 2M with P.S., Charger & 12 watt amp. New Cond. 12 full sets of Xtals.	250.00

FOR SALE

Viking Valiant Ttransmitter and National NC-300 receiver. Ideal equipment for budding Ham. Contact Jim Spencer W3QQH 884-8469.

AUGUST MEETING NOTE:

A guest speaker from Phila. Electric Co. will discuss the incident at Three Mile Island. Slides are included in the presentation and all aspects of the problem will be reviewed.

FOR SALE

Tempo 2020 transceiver \$575.00 - Yeasu FL 2100 B-1 kw linear \$375.00 -
Mosley TA-33 \$150.00 - Ham M II \$75.00 - 55 ft. tower w/hdwe \$50.00 -
D 104 w/ g stand \$20.00 - 2 Drake Lo-pass filters #LP 3300 \$20.00 ea.-
Heath 1 kw dummy load with oil \$15.00 - 9" Sony TV monitor \$25.00 -
Tempo VHF 1-2 mtr FM \$325.00 - 2 mtr base antenna Ringo ranger \$20.00 -
Hustler 5/8 whip w/ gutter mount \$20.00 - 12 v regulated pwr sply \$15.00-
Contact Bernie WB3IRR after 6.00 pm.

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The Annual Clambake will be held on Saturday, September 8 at Shearer's Farm near Reading (the same location as last year). This year we will be joined by the Reading Radio Club.

The easiest route to the Clambake is via the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the Reading exit, then north on Route 222 about 3 miles. Look for sign "Shearer's Farm" on the left (this is a sharp left turn).

Talk-in will be available on 03/03 and 31/91 (Reading repeater).

The menu includes white potato; corn; pepper cabbage; rolls and butter. There will also be beer and birch beer on tap and pretzels, chips, and peanuts.

Deadline for reservations is August 31. Please make reservations by using the form below and getting it to Murray Bevitz, K3SPS, WITH THE MONEY before the deadline date. Any questions should be referred to Murray Bevitz, K3SPS, or Howard Trout, W3IGW.

Guests are welcome at this event and a good time is promised to all. Covered Pavillions eliminate any weather problems. The time is 1:00 PM.

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CLAMBAKE ORDER FORM

1:00 PM

September 8

Number _____ Lobster Bake(s) @ \$13.00 each _____

Number _____ Steak Bake(s) @ \$ 9.00 each _____

Number _____ Chicken Bake(s) @ \$ 5.50 each _____

Number _____ Raw Clams @ \$ 3.75 each * _____

Number _____ Steamed Clams @ \$ 3.25 each * _____

* Clams are by the dozen

Signature: _____ Call _____ Date: _____

Payment in full MUST accompany this order.

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